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## **CLAIM TO PRIORITY**

Sir:

Applicant hereby claims priority under the International Convention and all rights to which he is entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following Japanese Priority Applications:

Japan 10-314635, filed November 5, 1998; and Japan 11-312624, filed November 2, 1999.

Certified copies of the priority documents were submitted in parent Application No. 09/433,558, to which Applicant claims domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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